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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The reason for this letter is because I am interested in American business, and I am also interested in having the stock market make a comeback. With that said, the settlement between Microsoft is good for two reasons. First, the absurd antitrust suit is finally over. Second, Microsoft can now devote all of its resources to bringing new and advanced products to the market instead of to wasting time in court.

Better products in the marketplace will result boost the ailing tech sector. The litigation against Microsoft started the economic downturn, and now we are in a recession. While all of this was happening, Microsoft's competitors were lobbying as hard as they could to keep Microsoft in court. Innovation was stifled. Who cares how much money Bill Gates makes? I consider myself successful, and if he makes more money than me, fine. The more money people make, the stronger the economy. The one good thing that came out of the settlement is that Microsoft will not be able to retaliate against companies who ship software that competes with Windows. This will encourage competition and benefit the economy.

Although there should have never been a suit in the first place, I am in support of anything that will put an end to the litigation.

Sincerely,


Paul Dow Dawson